The claims have been amended to more clearly define the subject matter of

the present invention and, in so doing, further distinguish the present invention from

the cited art. Notably, the claims have been amended to more clearly recite the

predetermined monitoring period and to define the inventive method in non-

conditional steps. It is believed that, based upon the Examiner's comments

accompanying the previous Office action, that the claims now recite allowable

subject matter.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application

is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is

determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is

invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite

prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please

charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. GAS-14771.001.

Respectfully submitted,

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